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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 20-23, 26, 27, and 31-34 are pending in the present application. Applicants note with appreciation the Office Action's indication that claims 1, 3, 5-7, 20-23, 27, and 32-34 are allowed. Applicants further note with appreciation the Office Action's indication that claims 32 and 33 comprise allowable subject matter.

In the present Amendment, claims 31 and 32 have been canceled, and the features formerly found therein have been incorporated into claim 26. Claim 33 has been amended, so that it now depends from claim 26. Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment, as it merely places the present claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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